
BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2018

Fiscal Services Division

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Vocational Rehabilitation Maintenance of Effort

Overview

Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services (IVRS) assists individuals with disabilities achieve employment and live independently. This Division of Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services is the largest Division within the Department of Education. The IVRS is responsible for providing services leading to employment for eligible Iowans with disabilities in accordance with Iowa Code chapter 259, the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (as amended and codified in 29 U.S.C. section 701 et seq.), the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. section 301 et seq.), and corresponding federal regulations.

Funding

The Vocational Rehabilitation General Fund appropriation is used for the general operations of the Division. The General Fund appropriation matches federal funds, and for every \$1 in State funding, the Division receives \$3.69 in federal funds (21.3% State to 78.7% federal). The federal grant is subject to a maintenance of effort (MOE) requirement that requires the State to spend an amount equal to or greater than the second previous year. For example, the MOE State funding level for FFY 2017 must equal or exceed the level of State funding match reported for FFY 2015. If the State does not meet the MOE requirement, the federal grant is reduced by the amount of the shortfall. The IVRS appropriation failed to meet the MOE requirement for FFY 2010, FFY 2011, FFY 2012, and FFY 2013. The IVRS does not expect a MOE deficit in FFY 2016. The annual appropriation for Vocational Rehabilitation has been \$5.9 million since FY 2015.

In FY 2018, the IVRS received an appropriation of \$5.6 million and a supplemental appropriation of \$107,000 to help meet federal MOE requirements.

More Information

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